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Jeff Koenings, WDFW Director 600 Capitol Way N Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Mr. Koenings,

I read the Fall 2001 issue of <u>Crossing Paths</u> and saw that at the end of your article, you asked for some feedback from the readers.

I enjoy the publication and read most of the articles. Of special interest to me in this current issue were the articles, "Fall is water maintenance time" and "living with Washington's wildlife: Raccoons."

I have four bird feeding stations on my property and one birdbath. Keeping each of them full and clean takes a little time, and I probably could do a better job; the suggestions in the article about water maintenance serves as a good reminder and provides the incentive to be more diligent.

I also have raccoons, which visit regularly. They can be a nuisance when they peel the lawn away from around the patio while looking for something to eat. I thought the article about the little buggers was very well done, and I look forward to the excerpts about other wildlife that are to appear in future issues.

When I called 425-775-1311 to get your address, the people I spoke to were very polite and helpful, but the voice-mail menu was difficult to follow.

Sincerely,

Don Holmes

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